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SUBJ: SYRIAN REACTION TO SINAI AGREEMENT - SEPT 25

1. SUMMARY: SANA REPORTED FROM BEIRUT SEPT 25 FONMIN KHADDAM STATEMENT THAT "SYRIA WILL NOT CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT ON GOLAN." AFP REPORTED THAT KHADDAM WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN UNGA AND PLANNED RETURN DAMASCUS SEPT 25. END SUMMARY.

2. DOMESTIC

SEPT 25 PRESS REPORTED THAT ASAD AND HUSSEIN MET IN CLOSED SESSION PREVIOUS DAY TO COMPLETE THEIR DISCUSSIONS. PRIMINS AYYUBI AND RIFAI STATED THAT "COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING PREVAILED ON ALL SUBJECTS." TALKS CENTERED ON ARAB SITUATION FOLLOWING SINAI AGREEMENT. HUSSEIN DEPARTED DAMASCUS HORTLY AFTER 1400.

SEPT 25 SANA DISPATCH FROM BEIRUT QUOTED FONMIN KHADDAM AS STATING THAT "SYRIA WILL NOT CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREEMENT ON THE GOLAN. WE HAVE NOT ASKED AND WILL NOT ASK

ANYONE TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEGOTIATIONS AND WE WILL NOT ACCEPT HOLDING THEM." AFP REPORTED THAT KHADDAM DID NOT PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN UNGA AND WOULD RETURN TO DAMASCUS SEPT 25 FROM BEIRUT.

DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE SEPT 24 IN DERA A AND SOME SMALLER VILLAGES. REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMMAND MEMBER GEORGE SADDIQNI CALLED UPON EGYPTIAN PEOPLE TO "TEAR DOWN" AGREEMENT. HE ADDED THAT "SYRIA KNOWS THE WAY TO ANOTHER OCTOBER."

BAATH PARTY RECEIVED CABLES OF SUPPORT FROM SYRIAN AND NON-SYRIAN ARAB ORGANIZATIONS.

3. FOREIGN

DR. DAOUDI DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM ASAD TO MAURITANIAN LEADER.

KUWAITI AL-QABAS PRINTED TWO PHOTOSTATS, REPRODUCED LOCALLY BY BOTH DAMASCUS PAPERS, OF OCTOBER WAR CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SADAT AND ASAD. IN FIRST NOTE, DATED OCT 21, 1973, SADAT TELLS ASAD THAT HE WANTS CEASE-FIRE. IN SYRIAN REPLY DATED SAME DAY, ASAD URGES SADAT TO CONTINUE THE BATTLE.

SEPT 24 SANA DISPATCH FROM KUWAIT REPORTED STATEMENT BY "PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION LEADER" CLAIMING THAT SYRIA AND PLO HAVE REACHED FINAL FORMULA CONCERNING UNITY OF STRUGGLE AND ISSUE NOW AWAITS DECISION OF SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP.

4. COMMENTARY

PLA GENERAL STAFF ISSUED PAMPHLET WHICH CONDEMNED SINAI AGREEMENT AND ASKED FOR TRANSFER OF AYN JALLUD FORCES FROM EGYPT. AL-BAATH COLUMNIST SEPT 25 OPINED THAT EGYPTIAN MASSES WOULD NOT ACCEPT "TRAITOROUS AGREEMENT." AL-THAWRAH COLUMNIST STATED THAT SYRIAN-JORDANIAN COORDINATION WAS NECESSARY TO CONFRONT SITUATION IN AFTERMATH OF SINAI AGREEMENT. SEPT 24 AL-BAATH WRITER MAINTAINED THAT "IT IS NOT WINDS OF PEACE APPROACHING AREA BUT SMELL OF GUNPOWER
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